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### **Fire Danger Index Very High -- Sedgwick County Fire Department Discourages Burning**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The rangeland fire danger index for south central Kansas for today is **VERY HIGH**. The Sedgwick County Fire Department highly discourages burning of any kind today in Sedgwick County.

Very high fire danger means...fire control will be very difficult, and could require extended effort. Therefore, outdoor burning is not recommended.

Extreme fire danger means that every fire has the potential to become large, and you should expect extreme and erratic fire behavior. No outdoor burning should take place in areas with extreme fire danger.

“We want the citizens of Sedgwick County to be safe,” said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino. “We ask that everyone follow the precaution and not conduct outdoor burning of any kind.”

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